

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance
Company and State Farm Fire and Casualty
Company,

Plaintiffs,

V.

Metro Pain Specialists, P.C. et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 1:21-cv-05523-MKB-PK

Hon. Margo K. Brodie

Magistrate Peggy Kuo

**AFFIDAVIT FOR CERTIFICATE OF DEFAULT AGAINST
DEFENDANT HYEONGSOCK CHOI, LAC.**

STATE OF NEW YORK

COUNTY OF NEW YORK

CHRISTOPHER T. COOK, being duly sworn, deposes and states:

1. I am duly licensed to practice law in the State of New York. I am employed by the law firm Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP, attorneys for Plaintiffs in this matter, and I am familiar with the facts and circumstances in this action.

2. I make this affidavit pursuant to Rule 55.1 of the Local Rules of the United States District Court for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, in support of Plaintiffs' application for a Certificate of Default against Defendant Hyeongsock Choi L.Ac. ("Choi").

3. Choi is not an infant, in the military, or an incompetent person. *See* Exhibit 1.

4. This is an action seeking damages against, among others, Choi, arising from a systemic defrauding of Plaintiffs by the Defendants, including Choi.

5. Jurisdiction of the subject matter of this action is based on claims that arise under the laws of the United States (violations of 18 U.S.C. § 1961 *et seq.*). Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367, the Court also has supplemental jurisdiction over state-law and declaratory judgment claims. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a)(1), jurisdiction over the state-law and declaratory judgment claims also is based on diversity of the parties and because the matter in controversy exceeds the sum or value of \$75,000 exclusive of interest and costs.

6. On August 17, 2023, Plaintiffs filed a Second Amended Complaint against Choi among other defendants, asserting claims for violations of RICO, common law fraud, unjust enrichment, aiding and abetting fraud, and declaratory relief pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2201. *See* ECF No. 388.

7. On September 6, 2023, the summons and Second Amended Complaint were served on Kyung Ai Yoon, a person of suitable age and discretion that resided at the service address, 11 Van Horn Street, Demarest, NJ 07627. *See* ECF 427, attached hereto as Exhibit 2. Thus, successful service was effected on Choi pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4(e)(2)(B).

8. Choi had until September 27, 2023 to file an answer or other response to the Second Amended Complaint. *See* ECF No. 427 Text Entry.

9. As the record demonstrates, Choi has failed to answer or otherwise respond to the Second Amended Complaint.

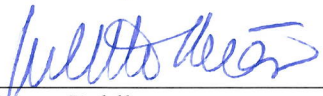
WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs respectfully request the Clerk of the Court enter a Certificate of Default pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 55(a) and Local Rule 55.1 as to Defendant Choi. A proposed Certificate of Default is attached hereto as Exhibit 3.



Christopher T. Cook

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN

to me on this 20th day of March, 2024



Notary Public

WILLETTE C. HAMILTON
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 01HA6035511
Qualified in Queens County
Certificate filed in New York County
Commission Expires January 3, 2028